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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our annual report 2025 (GLPC)

This has been put together by our editorial team led by the Executive Director Ms. Masika Fatinah together with project leads and our team of volunteers

The report presents an overview of our work, achievements, recommendations and lessons learned during implementation. It highlights our commitments and explains how collaborating with communities, partners and stakeholders helped us respond to emerging needs about peacebuilding, strengthen local capacities and promote inclusive and sustainable development.

Through out the year, our interventions focused on peacebuilding through promoting dialogue inclusion to prevent violent extremism, restoring dignity, strengthening resilience and creating opportunities for vulnerable individuals like women, girls, youth and persons living with

disabilities. Enabling the above are the programs in peacebuilding and social development focusing on education, give a goat and community mobile library, Health promotion focusing on expectant mothers screening and vaccinating hepatitis b to protect the unborn babies from the virus.

Despite challenging operating environment marked by mountainous and hard to reach areas, climate shocks, limited resources yet increasing community needs, we remained steadfast in our mission and continued to deliver to deliver meaningful engagements and impact. The report not only reflects what we achieved, but also the collective efforts of staff, volunteers, development partners, donors and community members, whose support made our work possible. We forever grateful to the Rotary Club of Winchester, GIZ, Spirit in Action, CAPAIDS Uganda and Ashinaga Uganda.

Our Partners:



OUR VISION:

We envision a society that is peaceful and violence free.

OUR MISSION:

To empower communities in particular young people to take responsibilities for their peace in the Great Lakes Region.

OUR CORE VALUES:

SERVICE

Service activities to bring cohesion among communities and ultimately foster world understanding and peace.

DIVERSITY

Organizational membership to reflect diversity of vocations, race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion and political affiliation. Diversity is required to direct projects and activities of the organization across boundaries of communities, cultures and nations.

INTEGRITY

Adherence to ethical code of conduct and professional standards in our work. Respect for humanity and accountability from all member to all we serve.

LEADERSHIP

Every member/ staff of the organization is a leader in one way or the other. We are a conglomeration of different leaders in different fields. It is therefore important to bear in mind that as staff members, when duty calls, show-up and be prepared to live up to the leadership demands

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FOREWORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



positive peace and living harmoniously in the environment that hosts us.

On behalf of Board, Staff, Volunteers, Beneficiaries and the Communities we serve, I extend our sincere appreciation to our Partners and Donor for the support. Together we move forward with renewed commitment to building resilient, empowered, hopeful and peaceful communities.

Ms. MASIKA FATINAH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GREAT LAKES PEACE CENTER

“True development happens when communities take lead. Our focus remains on strengthening local leadership and systems that ensure impact endures beyond our direct support.”

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the **GLPC** Annual report 2025. As we reflect on this report, we are encouraged by the resilience of the communities we serve and the progress made through our shared efforts. The achievements outlined in this report demonstrate that when communities are placed at the center of development, sustainable development and change is possible. We also believe every youth and woman has a right to participate in their decision-making platforms to contribute to the peace they cherish and in 2025, our work made critical progress towards this aspiration.

Looking forward, our focus will be on deepening peacebuilding, community led approaches through local leadership labs supported by CAPAIDS Uganda, strengthening institutional systems and scaling up interventions that have proven effective. We will continue to invest in capacity building, accountability, partnerships and innovations to ensure our programs remain responsive, inclusive and impactful. In 2026, we will enhance monitoring and documentation to inform better decision making and improve program quality. We believe working with all stakeholders, and the whole life cycle of youth and women ensuring good health and wellbeing, education and protection of their rights, a good and sound social environment, quality skills and capacity to do work, knowledge of

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Accelerating Hepatitis B Epidemic Control in Kasese and Ntoroko Districts in Rwenzori Region.[AHepC-Rwenzori]

Great Lakes Peace in partnership with Alliance for Children and Youth-Uganda implemented a project, accelerating Hepatitis B epidemic control in Kasese and Ntoroko districts in Rwenzori region. This was funded by **GILEAD** a **pharmaceutical company** who's mandate is to create a healthier world for all people.

ACTIVITIES

1. Project inception meetings were conducted in Kasese and Ntoroko districts involved 6 incharges from Rukoki HCIV, Katadoba HCIV, Bwera Hospital, Karambi HCIII, Rwebisengo HCIII and Karugutu HCIV, 2DHOs, 2Secretary Social Services, 2LCVs, 2 CAO, 2HIV/Hep B focal persons, 2Bio-statisticians and 2DSFP.
2. Support 2 health workers monthly from each of the 6 health facilities to identify and follow up clients that have missed appointments to improve retention into care.
3. Conducted quarterly radio talk shows and jingles in Kasese and Ntoroko districts.
4. Acquired IEC materials on Hep B from ministry of health, developed info graphics and disseminated them to communities and printing IEC.
5. Oriented 36 VHTs on HBV and supported them to identify pregnant mothers and refer them to hospital for antenatal care[ANC]
6. Conducted orientation of 3 health workers from the 6 health facilities on the revised hep b guidelines.
7. Supported the commemoration of the world's hep b day.
8. Conducted quarterly integrated outreaches in 6 health facilities from Kasese and Ntoroko.
9. Conducted quarterly health camps to offer offer comprehensive services in hard to reach and risky areas.
10. Supported the DHT members for Ntoroko and Kasese districts to supervise the Hep b treatment centers.
11. Identified and trained 6 expert clients in the 6 health facilities to enable them support their fellow friends who are HBV positive.
12. Supported the 6 health facilities to collect hep b supplies[test kits]from overstocked health facilities and increasing timely delivery of hep b viral load results by the hub riders to the target health facilities.





Held a breakfast meeting with selected members of parliament of the health sectoral committee and hep b, HIV/AIDS to fast track the National hep b strategic plan implementation.

Achievements

1. 18 health workers were trained on hep b new guidelines which has improved adherence to national hep b guidelines, strengthened capacity for early diagnosis and case management, enhanced quality of hep b services delivery, improved linkage to care and continuity of services as well as reduced stigma and improved patient counseling.

2. The expert clients that were trained are now vibrant and are reaching out to their fellow who are hep b positive but also encouraging them to adhere to drugs and live healthy lives.

3. Community integrated outreaches and health camps were successfully conducted reaching 1028 and 1011 pregnant mothers, having 42 and 46 positives respectively.

4. 36 trained VHTs have improved community awareness and early detection, expanded community outreaches and referrals, strengthened linkage between communities and health facilities in Kasese and Ntoroko districts.



The Inception meetings.

Recommendations

1. Need for continued engagement and sensitization of health workers to make sure they vaccinate and test all women that come for the first ANC visit.

2. Government to consider increased supply of hep b drugs to enable clients to adhere to treatment.

3. Need to strengthen more sensitization and community awareness about hep b epidemic and its related effects.

FIGURES

2039

**Pregnant Women reached
during our Hepatitis awareness**

88

Positive Expectant Mothers

2520

**Followers on all Radio Talk
Shows were targeted as we
sensitized on all radio stations.**

Success Story

Nurse Rachael at Karugutu HCIV sharing her experience "Before I was trained, I feared to manage hep b positive patients because I did not fully understand it. But after GLPC orienting us, I feel confident to counsel hep b patients, test correctly and explain the condition very well without judgement. Mothers are appreciating our services, they understand their results with hope instead of fear. Therefore the training did not only matter for health workers but for the people who trust their lives with us, many thanks to GLPC."



Tripple Elimination Africa Summit Kampala - Uganda

EDUCATION PROMOTION EDUCATION PROJECT

ACTIVITIES

The delivery of scholastic materials, black books, exercise books, Bic pens, mathematical sets, rulers, graph books, sanitary pads, were all supplied all through the year for the 3 terms for all the 37 students in their respective schools of Tawheed Education Center, Mpondwe Primary School, Emmanuel D'alzon High School, Sudais Moslem Secondary School, Mid Valley High School.

Payment of tuition/school fees was made for all the students to their respective bank accounts. This was successfully done for all students to keep them in school for concentration and better grades.



ACHIEVEMENTS/OUTCOMES

The program has increased access to education for orphans and vulnerable children, improved school attendance and retention, enhanced learning environment motivation.

We so far have 7 students in university/technical training institutes, 21 students in high school and 14 pupils in primary school. Making it a total number of 42 students.

Masika Fauzia now a nursing student at Kaghando School of Nursing appreciates the Rotary Club of Winchester and GLPC for supporting her studies since primary to now. She says "I am now a nursing student 1st year 2nd semester doing my medical practice at St. Paul hospital- Kasese."



GALLERY



*The photos on this page are of some of the pupils/students benefiting from the GLPC Education Promotion program.
They study from schools in Kasese district & other neighboring districts.*

Sustainable Outcomes for Disaster Most Affected Households in Bulembya Division.

The Sustainable Outcomes for Disaster Affected Households in Bulembya Division in Kasese district is a project that has directly responded to community needs by supporting flood affected households with goats, fruit and vegetable seeds to restore livelihoods, improve household nutrition and build economic resilience.

Kasese district has faced recurrent flooding with recent floods affecting over 19,000 people and displacing more than 12,000 individuals, particularly in low lying communities along the river banks of Nyamwamba. In Bulembya division, villages like Masule A, Masule B, Kyanjuki, Bulembya Cell, Kanyaruboga, Katiri, Road Barrier, Katonzi, Namuhuga North East Cell were severely affected with households losing livestock, food stocks, shelter and livelihoods. Many families are still struggling to recover with limited income sources and increased vulnerability among women, children and the elderly.

It is through the “passing on the gift” approach that beneficiaries commit to sharing goat offspring with other affected households, strengthening community solidarity and ensuring sustainable recovery across Bulembya villages.

We sincerely appreciate the generous support of Spirit in Action who’s commitment to dignity, resilience and sustainable solutions has made this intervention possible. Their partnership with us has not restored livelihoods but also renewed hope and solidarity with in the

flood affected communities, laying a strong foundation for lasting impact in Bulembya Division.

Achievements

- ✧ 100 flood affected households assessed, approved and given a goat per household as a sustainable livelihood recovery intervention.
- ✧ Over 40 goats already passed on to new vulnerable households, extending project benefits beyond the original beneficiaries and increasing community coverage.
- ✧ All beneficiaries committed to the ‘passing on the gift’ approach ensuring that the first goat offspring will be transferred to another highly affected household.
- ✧ 70% improvement in household income and food security through access to fruits, vegetable seeds and sale of vegetables. Community members trained in basic goat management and animal husbandry, improving several rates and long term productivity.

Success Story



“Ms. Kabugho Annet says “When I received the goat, I did not know it would change our lives this much. After passing on the first kid to another family, the remaining goats helped

me earn income. I was able to buy a sewing machine for my daughter, and she now supports herself with clothes, medication and many more. This project restored our hope after the floods.”



The support visit/supervision by our donor from Spirit in Action, Kathleen and Tanya.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE-FAUNA COFFEE.



GLPC social enterprise [Fauna Coffee] presents the performance, impact, and financial sustainability of our coffee value addition social enterprise over the past two years. The enterprise focuses on coffee roasting and grinding as a pathway to improve household incomes for smallholder coffee farmers while generating steady revenue to sustain organizational operations, including payment of utilities and basic administrative costs. The year 2025, the enterprise strengthened farmer market linkages, improved product quality, expanded local sales, and contributed directly to farmer livelihoods and organizational resilience.

The mission is to drive social enterprise model designed to deliver measurable community impact while strengthening long term financial sustainability. Fauna

coffee was founded in response to structural challenges affecting smallholder coffee farmers, including low and unpredictable prices, limited access to profitable markets, weak post harvest handling systems and over reliance on the sale of unprocessed coffee. These constraints have historically undermined household incomes, food security

and economic resilience within coffee growing communities.

GLPC has therefore directly worked with smallholder farmers to unlock value along the coffee value chain. The enterprise improved post harvest handling practices and undertakes coffee roasting and grinding to transform locally produced coffee into higher quality, market ready products. By moving beyond primary production to value addition, GLPC enables farmers to earn higher and more stable

incomes compared to selling raw coffee, while also strengthening local ownership of economic activities. It is also structured to serve a dual purpose, functions as a livelihood enhancement mechanism that increases household income, promotes dignified work, and builds skills among farmers, youth and women engaged in coffee processing and marketing. Provides a sustainable revenue stream that contributes to the organization's recurrent operational costs, including utilities, equipment maintenance and basic administrative expenses. This approach reduces GLPC's dependence on donor funding for routine costs and enhances organizational resilience in the face of fluctuating external funding.

ACHIVEMENTS

- Increased coffee prices for improved quality coffee for participating coffee farmers compared to selling unprocessed coffee.
- Improved quality coffee through trained farmers handling coffee with care as well as controlled roasting and grinding.
- Guaranteed monthly sales that contribute to payment of electricity, water and other utilities for the GLPC.
- We have sold over one ton of both roasted beans and grinded coffee since the start of the social enterprise demonstrating the growing market acceptance and product competitiveness.

- We have generated a profit of over 15 million out of the total sales made, reflecting increased demand for locally value added coffee products.
- Enhanced skills of staff and community members in coffee handling and processing like the barista.
- Strengthened trust and long term relationships between farmers and GLPC staff.
- Increased incomes for farmers due to value addition on their coffee. This has kept their children in schools, affording medication, clothing and many more essential needs.
- The social enterprise has reduced reliance on donor funds for recurrent expenses and demonstrated the viability of the social enterprise as a sustainability strategy.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Fauna Coffee generated revenue from sales of roasted and grinded coffee of about one ton for the last two years, with an estimated profit of over 15 million. The incomes from the enterprise have directly contributed to:
- Payment of electricity, water bills and rent for the organization.
- Cater for staff operational costs.
- Reinvestment in packaging materials and equipment maintenance.
- **Challenges and Lessons Learnt**
- Fluctuations in coffee supply and prices due to agricultural seasons.
- Rising costs of packaging materials and utilities.

Lessons Learned

Value addition significantly improves farmer incomes when quality is prioritized.

Consistent branding and packaging increases customer trust.

The social enterprise requires strong market linkages to remain competitive and sustainable.

FUTURE PLANS

- ✧ In the coming year, we plan to expand market access to supermarkets, offices, hotels, institutional and individual buyers.
- ✧ Increase farmer participation and volumes supplied through sensitizing farmers about the importance of value addition on their coffee.
- ✧ Improve packaging and branding for wider appeal.

Conclusively, Fauna Coffee continues to demonstrate that the community impact and organizational sustainability can go hand in hand by enabling farmers to earn more from their coffee and supporting the organization's operational costs. The enterprise contributes to dignified livelihoods, resilience and long term sustainability as we remain committed to growing this initiative for greater impact in the years ahead.





Above is the process we take up to sale/ready to consume.

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SUCCESS STORY

Ms. Joseline one of the trained coffee farmers testified the changes she has experienced in the quality of coffee she produces now.

“Now I understand that quality determines income. Since I improved how to handle my coffee, add value to it as trained by GLPC in their Fauna Coffee project, I earn more and feel confident about my farming. I now make over 1,500,000 in household income significantly improving my family’s stability- school fees, clothing, medication and reinvesting in my coffee garden to further improve productivity.



Different stages coffee undergo from picking to drying

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MOBILE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Mobile Community Library Project is implemented under a formal partnership between GLPC and the Rotary Club of Winchester. The collaboration was grounded in a shared commitment to advance equitable access to quality education and strengthening fundamental skills outcomes among the under served learners in Kasese district. The project is implemented in under served schools and communities, it responds to persistent gaps in literacy, reading culture, learning outcomes particularly among children from low income households.

Through the financial and strategic support of the Rotary Club of Winchester, GLPC has been able to operationalize a structured mobile library model that delivers appropriate reading and learning materials directly to schools and communities with limited or no library infrastructure. The partnership leverages GLPC's community based implementation capacity and contextual expertise the fact that GLPC through it's education program is in good relationship with most schools in Kasese district.

The Mobile Community Library reached learners across targeted primary schools like Tawheed Education Center, Railway Primary School and Kasese Moslem Primary School through regular mobile library visits. The project provided appropriate books of English, Mathematics, Social Studies,

Science and story books for nursery pupils, supported reading sessions and fostered a culture of learning beyond the classroom. Through this intervention, the project contributed to improved reading interest, enhanced comprehension skills and increased learner confidence while strengthening school community partnerships.

ACTIVITIES

The Mobile Community Library Project was established to delivering books and learning resources directly to schools and communities. By taking the library to the learners, the project removes structural barriers related to distance, cost, and infrastructure. The initiative aligns with broader education and development goals by promoting inclusive access to quality education, strengthening foundational literacy and supporting long life learning particularly for children in vulnerable settings.

Regular mobile library visits to targeted schools of Railway primary, Tawheed Education center and Kasese Moslem primary school.

Provision of a wide range of books, including question and answer books, storybooks, subject books like science, mathematics, English, social studies and life skills materials.

Guided reading sessions and learner engagement activities.

Supported teachers in integrating library materialization teaching and learning.

Monitoring of book usage and learner participation during visits.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Increased access to reading materials for learners in schools without functional libraries.

Learners have picked interest in reading which has helped them learn and understand English, have good question approach for examination.

Enhanced reading confidence and participation during class and library sessions. Over 1003 learners have access to our mobile library services and have told stories of how this has upgraded their question interpretation and answering in examination. Hence good grades.

Increased awareness of the mobile library among students, parents and teachers on the importance of reading beyond the classroom. Showed the purpose of reading life skills books, helping learners to develop self confidence and successfully deal with significant life changes.



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Amidst challenges in 2025, GLPC managed to progress, achieve and have lessons learnt during the past implementing period. We therefore remain committed to improving the well being of vulnerable communities through targeted innovations in education, health, peacebuilding, youth and women empowerment.

In terms of finances, our incomes slightly dropped compared to 2024 due to the end of the AHepC-Rwenzori project. However, the 2024 surplus that we had generated at the end of the year and social enterprise incomes maintained organization utilizes, staff and volunteer allowances.

TOTAL INCOME 2025	UGX 145,018,041
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	UGX 10,000,000
EXTERNAL SOURCES	UGX 135,018,041
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	UGX 207,870,172

The Budget projections for 2024 is **UGX 259,887,000** hoping that **UGX 214,887,000** will come from external donations and **UGX 45,000,000** will come from the local sources.

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In the year 2026, GLPC focuses on Local Leadership Development who's purpose is to strengthen civil society and civic action that drive locally led development processes, advances expanded civic and democratic space, human rights and a more just, equitable and sustainable world. We expect that the Local Leadership Development initiative will contribute directly to this vision.

The Theory of Change underpinning the Local Leadership Development is based on the principle that the initiative is locally owned and locally led and focuses on solutions that are context specific, building on what we know about practicing constituency accountability, creating safe and inclusive dialogue spaces, and facilitating locally led and co-created processes.

For this matter there, we remain strategically attached to CAPAIDS Uganda for more developmental engagements and linkage to the more development partners, as we center the affected population to create solutions to the problems in our communities.

Our relationship with **SIA** remains at its best and we are hoping for further engagements, more work with them that shall facilitate our experience sharing with community and her collaboration will stay longer.

The Rotary Club of Winchester is another partner that GLPC is proud of. We appreciate the Rotary Club of Winchester for its steadfast partnership and generous support towards our education program, the Mobile Community Library initiative and seeing that we advance education, literacy and empowering women and girls through skilling making it possible to reach under served and affected communities with essential reading materials, structured learning opportunities and quality skilling materials. We pledge to remain in collaboration for more local leadership developments.